

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested. Claims 1-9 and 11 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer in this response, and claims 18, 19, 22-24 and 26 were cancelled in a previous response. Claim 10 has been rewritten to incorporate the limitations of base claim 1 as well as claim 10. Claims 10, 12-17, 20, 21 and 25 remain pending in this application.

The Applicant has now cancelled claims 1-5, 8-9 and 11 that were rejected in the Office action mailed August 1, 2006. Claim 6-7 and 10 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but otherwise allowable if rewritten in independent form including all base claim and any intervening claim limitations. Claim 10 has been rewritten to incorporate base claim 1 limitations, along with existing limitations in claim 10. Claim 10 depends directly from claim 1, and there were no intervening claims. Claims 6 and 7 have been cancelled. It is respectfully submitted that rewritten claim 10 is in condition for allowance.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's allowance of claims 12-17, 20-21 and 25.

Conclusion

Based on the foregoing, it is submitted that the Applicant's invention as defined by claims 10, 12-17, 20, 21 and 25 is patentable over the references of record. Issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-2112.

Respectfully submitted,

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